

U.S. Access Board Agency Shutdown Plan

September 25, 2013

Agency Shutdown Plan

- **1. PURPOSE:** To outline agency policy guidance and instructions for actions to be taken when Congress fails to enact either regular appropriations, a continuing resolution, or needed supplemental, resulting in an interruption of fund availability. In the absence of appropriations:
 - Federal officers may not incur any obligations that cannot lawfully be funded from prior appropriations unless such obligations are otherwise authorized by law.
 - Federal officers may incur obligations as necessary for orderly termination of an agency's functions, but funds may not be disbursed.
- **2. SCOPE:** This plan applies to all personnel to include the thirteen Special Government Employees (private citizen Presidential appointees.)
- **3. POLICY:** In order to execute an orderly shutdown, the following information is provided:
 - Estimated time to complete shutdown: One half-day.
 - Number of on-board employees prior to execution: 29
 - Number of employees retained under plan: 0
 - Executive Director will notify OMB that shutdown procedures have initiated.
 - Director of Administration will notify building management of shutdown status.
 - Director of Administration will notify all agency personnel of shutdown status and will initiate action to issue furlough notices and other instructions as appropriate.
 - Director of Administration will direct Contracting Officer's Representatives to notify agency contractors of shutdown status and other instructions as appropriate.
 - Chief Information Officer will ensure servers and other IT equipment are secured.
 - Agency personnel will be instructed to obtain information from news outlets for when a continuing resolution or an FY 2014 appropriation has been approved and that they will be expected to return to work on their next regularly scheduled work day.

4. REFERENCES:

- OMB Circular No. A-11 (2010), Section 124.2, pages 1-2
- OMB Memo M-13-22, Planning for Agency Operations during a Potential Lapse in Appropriations (and attachments), September 17, 2013

5. REVIEW: This Agency Shutdown Plan has been prepared and reviewed by the undersigned. It complies with guidance provided in the reference documents.

Approved

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